

## *Scripture verses related to marriage*

The following is a partial list of Scripture passages that can be read during wedding ceremonies in the church. This list is by no means exhaustive. Usually two or three passages are read during the service.



Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

1 John 4:7-11, 16

Ruth 1:16-17

Philippians 4:8-13

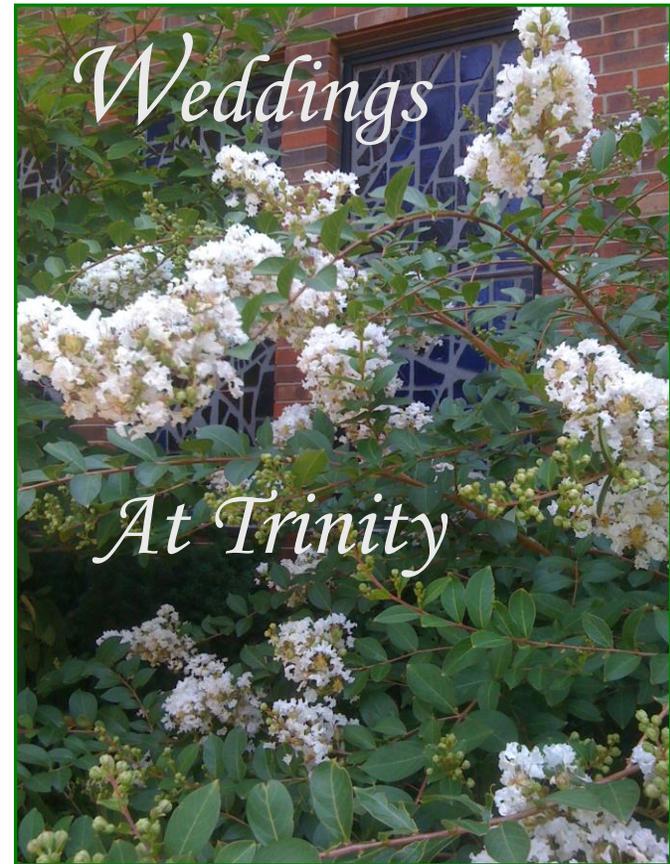
Ephesians 5:21-33

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 1:26-31

Matthew 19:4-6



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## *Wedding Worship Service Outline*



Dear Fellow Redeemed,

I would like to congratulate you on your engagement and upcoming marriage! The life-long commitment of one man and one woman to each other is indeed one of God's most precious gifts to us, His children.

This booklet has been written to help you prepare for your Wedding Day here at Trinity. It is also a guide for your married life together as you serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me. May the Lord richly bless you.

In Christ,  
*Rev. Damian Snyder*

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Below is an outline of the worship service used at Trinity. This can help you in preparing your wedding bulletin. Please note that all wedding bulletins must be approved by the officiating Pastor. Please ask if you have any questions regarding this service. We will discuss this in detail prior to the wedding service.

Pre-service music

Processional

Invocation and Matrimonial Address

Three Scripture Readings

Sermon

Declaration of Intent

Matrimonial Vows

The Blessing and Exchange of the Rings

Pronouncement of Marriage

Nuptial Kiss

Marriage Blessing

Unity Candle and Song (Optional)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Announcement of couple to congregation

Outline for The Rite of Holy Matrimony adapted from:  
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## *Fees*

Fees are paid six weeks before the wedding in a check written to Trinity Lutheran Church. The church then pays those who are serving in the wedding, including:

1. The cost for using the Sanctuary for the rehearsal and wedding: Member - \$25, Nonmember - \$50.
2. The cost for using the Sanctuary for the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner, as well as the wedding: Member - \$40, Nonmember - \$75.
3. The cost for using the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the rehearsal as well as wedding and reception: Member \$40, Nonmember \$75.
4. The cost for using the Sanctuary for the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner, as well as wedding and reception: Member \$50, Nonmember - \$100.
5. The cost for the organist: \$100.
6. The cost for each soloist: \$50.

Costs which are not included in the fees may include:

1. The cost for premarital counseling materials. This cost varies but is usually approximately \$30-\$40. Premarital counseling is a prerequisite to having a wedding at Trinity Lutheran Church.
2. Honoraria for the wedding hostess and pastor are allowed, but not included in the wedding fees paid to the church.

The marriage policy of Trinity Lutheran Church of Leavenworth, KS, a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is and always has been consistent with the Synod's beliefs on marriage. We believe that marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24-25), and that God gave marriage as a picture of the relationship between Christ and His bride the Church (Eph. 5:32). The official position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as set forth in 1998 Res. 3-21 ("To Affirm the Sanctity of Marriage and to Reject Same-Sex Unions"), is that homosexual unions come under categorical prohibition in the Old and New Testaments (Lev. 18:22, 24; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:9-10) as contrary to the Creator's design (Rom. 1:26-27). These positions and beliefs can be found on the LCMS website, along with other statements, papers and reports on the subject of homosexuality and same-sex civil unions and "marriage." Our pastors will not officiate over any marriages inconsistent with these beliefs, and our church property may not be used for any marriage ceremony, reception or other activity that would be inconsistent with our beliefs and this policy.

## *Wedding Guidelines*

### **Before the Wedding:**

1. Requests for information about weddings, as well as dates and times of weddings are referred to Trinity's pastor who is responsible for performing weddings.
2. No weddings are held during the week before Christmas, during Lent, or Holy Week. Only one wedding is conducted at Trinity per day.
3. **Requests for wedding ceremonies must be made at least five months before the proposed date.**
4. Weddings on Saturdays are conducted either before 3 PM or after 7:30 PM, because of the Saturday worship service.
5. The pastor performing the marriage ceremony conducts premarital counseling with the man and woman who will be married.
6. **It is the couple's responsibility to secure a valid marriage license from the State of Kansas. No ceremony will be conducted without this license. Please bring the state issued license to the church at least 2 weeks prior to the wedding service.**
7. Music and musicians will be agreed upon by the pastor and the wedding couple. Since Trinity is not equipped to properly play pre-recorded music, only live music appropriate for a worship service is permitted. The pastor must review and approve all music.
8. The pastor will contact the wedding hostess coordinator, who will ensure that a wedding hostess will be available to assist the couple being married.
9. Times for opening the church on the days of the rehearsal and the wedding will be agreed upon by the wedding hostess and the wedding couple.

**A wedding will not be scheduled until the "Wedding Request and Information Sheet" is completed and returned to Trinity's pastor. You can find a copy of this form on Trinity's website or you may pick one up from the church office. In order to have a wedding at Trinity, a completed "Facility Usage Policy and Reservation" form is also required. However, PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM UNTIL YOU HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE PASTOR AND CONFIRMED THE WEDDING DATE WITH HIM.**

## **At the Rehearsal and Wedding**

1. The organist is provided by Trinity Lutheran Church (See fee schedule).
2. Rehearsal or wedding dinners in the Fellowship Hall are to conclude by 10PM so the building can be prepared for classes and worship services the next day.
3. A pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church will conduct rehearsals and weddings. The only exception being that the wedding couple may request that another rostered Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod pastor conducts or participates in the wedding.
4. Because Holy Communion is a corporate worship event, it is not included in the wedding ceremony.
5. Flash photographs may be taken before or after the wedding, during the processional and the recessional. **Flash Photography is not permitted during the worship service.** It is the wedding couple's responsibility to ensure that their photographer is aware of this policy.
6. The ceremony may be videotaped by setting a camera on a tripod in the corner next to the pulpit or in the choir loft. The wedding couple provides the videotape and recording devices and is responsible for their operation and compliance with all copyright laws.
7. The couple may provide approved, printed worship folders for the wedding, though the church does not print such folders.
8. All candles are to be non-drip, flat across the top, and placed behind the communion rail. If the couple wishes to use the candelabras, the church will order the appropriate candles at a cost to the couple of \$2.50/candle.
9. Smoking is not permitted within the buildings of Trinity Lutheran Church nor anywhere prohibited by State Law. With the exception of Communion wine, no alcoholic beverages are permitted anywhere on the property.
10. Flowers may be placed inside the chancel rail only. Satin flowers, such as rose petals, may be used in the pew area. Any adhesive that is used must be non-damaging to the wood surfaces.
11. The unity candle is to be placed on the altar. The altar is the main symbol of God's presence within the church. The purpose of the unity candle is to demonstrate that God is "making the two into one".

## **After the Wedding**

1. The pastor performing the wedding is responsible for ensuring that the completed marriage license is delivered to the proper recording office.
2. Rice, wheat or birdseed may be thrown outside of the church buildings. Bubbles are also permitted.
3. Participants in a Saturday afternoon wedding need to leave the sanctuary and hallway by 4:45 PM to accommodate people attending the 5:30 PM worship service. For 7:30 PM weddings, the sanctuary will be available by 7 PM.
4. Entry to a wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday is only through the side door on the East Side hallway.

## ***Helpful Information***

1. Trinity has two candelabras available for use during the wedding ceremony. Each holds seven candles.
2. The center aisle of the sanctuary is approximately 5 feet wide and 42 feet long.
3. There are two columns of pews in the sanctuary each consisting of 12 rows. Wheelchairs can be easily accommodated on the right front rows.
4. Trinity's sanctuary can comfortably seat approximately 240 people.
5. If no aisle runner is used, only satin flowers may be dropped by the flower girl. If an aisle runner is used (supplied by the couple), real petals may be dropped by the flower girl.
6. Concordia Publishing House is the official publishing house of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Wedding bulletins, unity candles, wedding party gifts and other Christ centered materials can be purchased from them. They can be found on the web at: [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)